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IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT EGYPT HAS RAISED THE QUESTION OF
LONG-STAPLE COTTON ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, THE DELEGATION
SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTS. COTTON FALLING
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UNDER TSUS 300.15 (LONG STAPLE, 1-1/8" OR MORE BUT UNDER

1-11/16") IS BY NO MEANS UNIQUE TO EGYPT. ANNUALLY 5 TO 6 MILLION BALES OF THIS STAPLE ARE PRODUCED. EGYPT, THE U.S., AND THE USSR EACH PRODUCE ABOUT ONE-FOURTH OF THE TOTAL WITH INDIA, PERU, UGANDA AND BRAZIL PRODUCING MOST OF THE REMAINDER. EGYPT AND THE USSR PRODUCE 1.3 TO 1.5 MILLION BALES ANNUALLY WHILE THE U.S. PRODUCTION IS MORE VARIABLE, 700,000 TO 1.6 MILLION BALES. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT THE EGYPTIAN AND U.S. LONG STAPLE COTTONS ARE DIFFERENT SPECIES, THEY ARE OF THE SAME GENUS AND AMERICAN TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS CONSIDER THEM GENERALLY INTERCHANGEABLE. THE U.S. TEXTILE INDUSTRY CAN MANUFACTURE ANY PRODUCT USING U.S. COTTON TO SUBSTITUTE FOR EGYPTIAN LONG STAPLE COTTON. SISCO

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